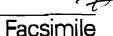
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REQUEST

1. Applicant requests that the abandonment in this case be withdrawn.

PROMPTNESS OF THIS SUBMISSION

This information is being submitted promptly after applicant has learned of the abandonment on the basis of:

- [x] the Notice of Abandonment mailed by the PTO on May 17, 2002
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SUBMISSION

2. Submitted herewith is:

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STATEMENT

- 3. Attached hereto is a statement attesting to the timely transmission of the correspondence referred to above based on:
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5. Acknowledgement of the active status of this application is respectfully requested.

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